

REMARKS

Applicant believes that the amendments presented herein simplify the issues on appeal and place the application in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is urgently requested.

Status of the Claims

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 5-8, 10-12, 24, 25 and 42-57 will be pending.

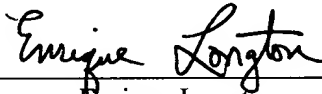
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections and early allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner find that a telephone interview would further prosecution of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned at his convenience.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this filing, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-3250. **EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-3250. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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